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Idaho Sheep Inventory Down 2 Percent From Previous Year

All sheep and lamb inventory in Idaho on January 1, 2013, totaled 235,000 head, down 5,000 head from the previous year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2013, totaled 185,000 head. Breeding ewes one year old and older totaled 150,000 head, down 16,000 head from January 1, 2012. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2013 totaled 50,000 head. The 2012 lamb crop of 205,000 head was down 5,000 head from 2011. Idaho wool production totaled 1.9 million pounds for 2012, down 5 percent from 2011. The average wool price for 2012 was \$1.70 per pound. Sheep and lamb death losses totaled 21,000 during 2012.

Idaho meat goat inventory on January 1, 2013 was 13,500 head, up 1,200 head from a year ago. Milk goats totaled 4,600 head, up 600 head from the previous year.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 5.34 million head, down 1 percent from 2012. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2013, down 1 percent from 4.0 million head on January 1, 2012. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.14 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2013, totaled 1.36 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2012. The 2012 lamb crop of 3.46 million head, was down 2 percent from 2011. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2012 was 28.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2011. The average price paid for wool sold in 2012 was \$1.53 per pound for a total value of 43.6 million dollars, down 11 percent from 48.9 million dollars in 2011. Sheep death loss during 2012 totaled 229 thousand head, a decrease of 5 percent from 2011. Lamb death loss decreased 4 percent from 380 thousand head in 2011 to 365 thousand head in 2012.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 2.81 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.32 million head on January 1, 2013, down 2 percent from 2012. Milk goat inventory was 360 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2012, while Angora goats were down 7 percent, totaling 136 thousand head. Mohair production in the United States during 2012 was 770 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 136 thousand head. Mohair price was \$3.89 per pound with a value of 2.99 million dollars.